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SUBJECT: NPW VISITS TO NEW ZEALAND

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1. REFTEL DISCUSSED REQUEST BY GENERAL MANAGER OF AUCKLAND HARBOR FOR COPIES OF TYPICAL U.S. PORT REGULATIONS GOVERNING VISITS OF NUCLEAR POWERED VESSELS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SAFETY ASPECTS.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, IT IS U.S. POLICY THAT VISITS BY U.S. NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS (NPW) TO FOREIGN PORTS ARE MADE SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE ASSURANCES CONTAINED IN
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THE STATEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON OPERATION

OF U.S. NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS IN FOREIGN PORTS (PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO GONZ BY AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON) AND THE PROVEN SAFETY RECORD OF OUR NPW. FOREIGN NPW ARE PERMITTED TO VISIT U.S. PORTS BASED ON RECEIPT OF ASSURANCES SIMILAR TO THOSE CONTAINED IN THE U.S. STANDARD STATEMENT AND A SATISFACTORY SAFETY RECORD ON THE PART OF THESE SHIPS. EXCEPT FOR THESE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES, THERE ARE NO SPECIAL PORT REGULATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS FOR NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS VISITING U.S. PORTS. OF COURSE MOST U.S. PORTS HAVE REGULATIONS, WHICH

APPLY TO ALL SHIPS, COVERING SUCH AREAS AS TRAFFIC SCHEMES, NAVIGATION, ETC. THESE REGULATIONS WOULD APPLY TO NPW AS WELL AS THEIR CONVENTIONALLY POWERED COUNTERPARTS.

3. FYI. IN VIEW OF THE LONGSTANDING SENSITIVITY OF THE NPW VISIT ISSUE IN NEW ZEALAND, WE CONSIDER IT PREFERABLE TO PROVIDE THE RESPONSE CONTAINED IN PARA 2 FROM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON VIA THE NORMAL GNZ CONTACTS AND LET THE GNZ DEAL WITH THE HARBOR MANAGER. WE PREFER TO USE EMBASSY GNZ COMMUNICATION CHANNEL FOR ALL NPW MATTERS. THE SUBSTANCE OF PARA 2 WAS PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ZEALAND NAVAL ATTACHE BY U.S. NAVY LETTER IN SEPTEMBER 1969 IN RESPONSE TO ESSENTIALLY THE SAME QUESTIONS BEING ASKED BY THE NZ ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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